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1. Between 29 April and 10 May 1948, the following eastbound transports passed through Zossen on their way to Frankfurt/Oder and Kuestrin-Kietz:

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u>
29 April	22	Wooden houses
2 May	28	Wood for cellulose
4 May	18	Heavy moulding-iron for bridge construction
	32	Potatoes and grain
6 May	32	RR ties and tracks
7 May	14	Plaster
8 May	12	Enamelled containers for cellulose factory
10 May	28	Parts for wooden houses

2. Between 29 April and 12 May 1948, the following additional transports of interest passed through Zossen to points indicated below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u>	<u>Destination</u>
29 April	18	Heavy mortars, dismantled	Wuensdorf
30 April	8	Powder-mixing machines	Finsterwalde
4 May	26	Machine-gun battalion, men equipped with arms	Wuensdorf
5 May	20	Signal troops	Wuensdorf
	26	German civilian prisoners, approx. 400	Finsterwalde
8 May	32	German civilian prisoners	Aue
9 May	8	Heavy surface cables	Wuensdorf
12 May	32	Engineering troops with equipment and approx. 15 pontoons	Torgau
	22	German civilian internees, approx. 600, and Russian prisoners, approx. 200, from Oranienburg	Aue

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Although Russian-licensed newspapers contend that travel to and from the uranium mining area has not been greatly restricted, all traffic is closely checked. Even RR employees are not allowed to move in this area except when on duty or by special permission. Local residents require a special permit from the local SIA officer for travel outside this area.

3. Between 2 and 9 May 1948, the following eastbound transports moved through Elsterwerda on their way to the border points Frankfurt/Oder and Forst:

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u>
2 May	26	Machines and equipment from the Leuna-werke
4 May	32	Automobiles, new
	18	Motorcycles, new
6 May	18	Foreign workers, approx. 400 (remained in Elsterwerda)
7 May	22	Heavy prime-movers, to be used as semi-trailers
	14	Centrifuges
	22	5-ton trucks, new
9 May	9	Heavy transformers

4. Between 2 and 12 May, two transports with Russian infantry troops passed through Elsterwerda on their way to Podmokly, Czechoslovakia, namely on 5 May one train of 38 cars with approx. 800 men, and on 6 May one train of 30 cars with approx. 600 men.

5. Between 4 and 13 May, the following transports passed through Kuestrin-Kietz on their way to Insterburg:

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u>
4 May	56	Barracks parts, made of wood
	56	Cement
5 May	54	Timber for mines
	46	Pigs
7 May	109	RR tracks
8 May	43	Horses
9 May	58	Cement
	56	Scrap iron
10 May	56	Sugar
11 May	45	Cattle
12 May	56	Hangar parts, made of metal
13 May	28	Officers and dependents, a few EM, and luggage

During the same period, 22 empty trains, including two fitted out for Red Army officers' use, returned from Russia and passed through Kuestrin-Kietz on their way to Germany.

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